

**IN THE SPECIFICATIONS:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 3 as follows:

Figs. 5[[a]]A and 5[[b]]B are flowcharts illustrating the present invention method for securing network-connected resources.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 of page 14 as follows:

Figs. 5[[a]]A and 5[[b]]B are flowcharts illustrating the present invention method for securing network-connected resources. Although the method is depicted as a sequence of numbered steps for clarity, no order should be inferred from the numbering unless explicitly stated. It should be understood that some of these steps may be skipped, performed in parallel, or performed without the requirement of maintaining a strict order of sequence. The method starts at Step 500.